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**Applicants:** Jonathan Miller, et al.      **Examiner:** Michael L. Borin  
**Serial No.:** 09/730,214      **Art Unit:** 1631  
**Filed:** December 5, 2000      **Docket:** 13993  
**For:** METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR      **Dated:** March 31, 2003  
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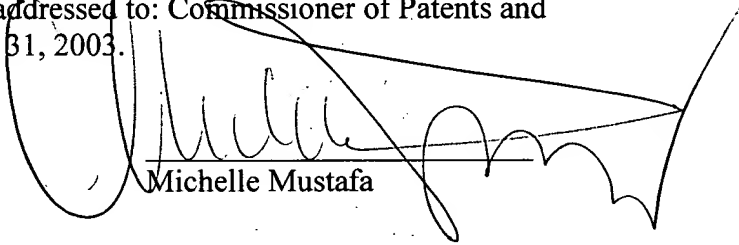
In response to the Official Action dated September 23, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment in connection with a concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in the above-identified case.

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